

DEMOCRATS ASK TAX WARNING ON NEGATIVE DRIVES

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Democratic officials asked the government today to take an action they hope will curtail a conservative fund-raising drive for money to help unseat five liberal senators.

The Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee asked the Federal Election Commission to force the National Conservative Political Action Committee to inform contributors their donation is not tax deductible.

The Internal Revenue Service, in a private-letter ruling, has decided that contributions to organizations running negative campaigns—those concerned with defeating someone rather than promoting a candidate—are not deductible.

So far this year, the action committee has spent \$458,000 seeking to defeat Democratic Sens. Birch Bayh of Indiana, Frank Church of Idaho, Alan Cranston of California, John Culver of Iowa and George S. McGovern of South Dakota.